

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. In addition, withdrawn claims 11-46 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request this application pass to issue.

In the Examiner's Answer mailed March 13, 2007, the Examiner withdrew her rejection of claims 3-5, 6, 7 and 10 and indicated that claims 4-7 now include allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 with the allowable subject matter of claim 4. This amendment is being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In addition, Applicants have canceled withdrawn claims 11-46 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. Applicants reserve the right to seek patentability of these claims in a divisional application.

As all the pending claims include allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request this application pass to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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